

1-1 By: Geren, Guillen, Clardy H.B. No. 2254
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 22, 2013;
 1-4 April 29, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-5 Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; May 9, 2013, reported
 1-6 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 9, 2013, sent
 1-7 to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9 Van de Putte			X	
1-10 Birdwell	X			
1-11 Campbell	X			
1-12 Davis	X			
1-13 Rodriguez	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to apprenticeship requirements for occupational licenses
 1-18 issued to applicants with military experience.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is
 1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 CHAPTER 55. LICENSE FOR ~~[WHILE ON]~~ MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER OR ~~[DUTY~~
 1-23 ~~AND FOR]~~ MILITARY SPOUSE

1-24 SECTION 2. Chapter 55, Occupations Code, is amended by
 1-25 adding Section 55.005 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 55.005. APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANT
 1-27 WITH MILITARY EXPERIENCE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, if an
 1-28 apprenticeship is required for an occupational license issued by a
 1-29 state agency, the state agency shall credit verified military
 1-30 service, training, or education that is relevant to the occupation
 1-31 toward the apprenticeship requirements for the license.

1-32 (b) The state agency shall adopt rules necessary to
 1-33 implement this section.

1-34 SECTION 3. Section 55.005, Occupations Code, as added by
 1-35 this Act, applies only to an application for an occupational
 1-36 license filed on or after May 1, 2014. An application for a license
 1-37 filed before May 1, 2014, is governed by the law in effect
 1-38 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is
 1-39 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-40 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-41 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-42 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-43 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-44 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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